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FUNCTION EXPANSION METHOD

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 8-234931

discloses the data path selection between a system bus and a multimedia controller in a personal computer.

2. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 9-149107

discloses an external terminal used to connect a headset for a portable phone. When a headset is connected to the terminal, a microphone/speaker is not chosen, but the headset is chosen as an input/output terminal of voice data.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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